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Election information sessions draw small numbers

ASI election events have seen little interest from students.

By Navy Keophan
Staff Writer

Associated Students, Inc. is seeing low student turnout so far for information sessions about participating in next spring's ASI elections.

"We've had three students overall show up for the sessions," ASI government elections officer Karla Estupinian said. "I'm not sure if we're advertising the events well enough to bring more students in."

Estupinian said factors such as not having enough signs across campus publicizing the sessions and a lack of students attending afternoon classes in the fall semester are contributing to low attendance. Aside from a banner advertising the event in the University Student Union, ASI has only placed signs in the area near the SSPA building to get students informed about upcoming meetings.

Estupinian added that students being focused on the general election wasn't a factor in the low turnout for the meetings, but she hoped that more students would feel the need to mobilize and get involved in student government at CSULB.

"I expected a better turnout, espe-

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CAMPUS ALERT

Body found near parking structure identified

19-year-old Jerry Vu was a business major and dancer.

By Michaela Kwoka-Coleman
News Editor

The body found Friday morning near Cal State Long Beach's Parking Structure 1 has been identified as Jerry Vu by authorities.

An investigation from the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner determined that Vu, 19, died as a result of blunt force head trauma.

His death has been ruled as suicide.

Vu was discovered early Friday by a group of CSULB faculty who alerted University Police, according to Terri Carbaugh, CSULB's associate vice president of government and media relations.

Although Vu was not currently enrolled at CSULB, his Facebook page said that he was studying business administration at the university. Michael Uhlenkamp, CSULB's director of news and digital media, said the Vu was last enrolled in the university during the spring 2016 semester.

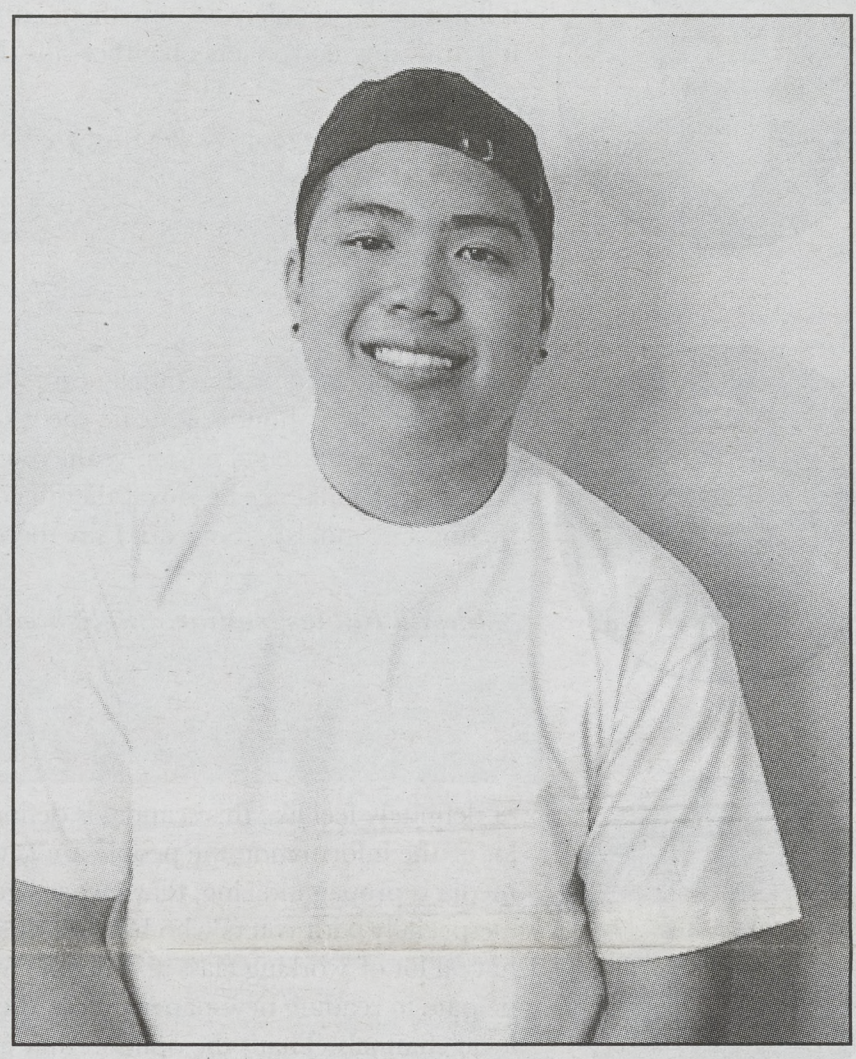
A resident of Huntington Beach, Vu was an avid dancer and recently joined The G.O.O.D Project.

Julian Talens, co-director of The G.O.O.D Project, said that the Irvine-based dance team stands for "growth out of dance" and focuses on happiness, humility and hard work. Although Vu was new to the company, Talens said he's left nothing but positive memories.

"He was the type of person to make sure everyone around him was having a good time," Talens said, "and also made you feel so comfortable around him that you could be yourself without holding back."

Talens described Vu as being dedicated and hardworking.

"Jerry was the type of dancer that would consistently practice on the sides whenever he was not needed and made sure that his own growth as a dancer was defined through his own hard work," Talens said. "Jerry was the physical embodiment of our mission statement



Courtesy of Facebook

Authorities identified the body found Friday morning near Cal State Long Beach's Parking Structure 1 as 19-year-old Jerry Vu. Vu was a business major at CSULB in spring 2016.

which is to grow as a person and dancer through happiness, humility and hard work."

Before joining The G.O.O.D Project, Vu danced for Common Ground, a collegiate dance team also based in Irvine.

Angelo Braza met Vu in 2015 while dancing for Common Ground. Braza recalled the the impact Vu had on him and the entire team.

"He always had a smile on his face, uplifted practice and overall had a great heart," Braza said. "He was more than a teammate, he was my brother."

Friday afternoon, a GoFundMe ac-

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EOP: What it means to me

How the program has helped me through my academic endeavors.

By Tisha Lenon
Staff Writer

At a community college, I didn't necessarily have to worry about my finances. I was a student athlete and all of my classes were being paid through the college's fee waiver. Yet, once I was accepted into Cal State Long Beach, I was worried about how to pay for tuition and other necessities.

Luckily, financial aid covered my tuition, but what about every other university essential?

That's where the Educational Opportunity Program helped me out a great deal.

As a current member of the Education Opportunity Program, widely known as EOP, and a first generation student of color and transfer student — programs like EOP truly help students through crucial academic guidance and financial help.

EOP was designed to help push first generation college students and students of color who come from a low so-

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Campus Voice

Do you think the recent scandals with Trump and Clinton will have an effect on who people vote for?



"Personally, I think it will have an affect on how people will vote. If anything, it'll just make people who hate them either side, hate them more. I don't think it'll draw any new voters on either side. It'll just divide them."

— Enrico Villegas, freshman, pre-computer engineer major



"I personally kind of don't really care about either of [the scandals] because when you think about it, I mean, there's only minimal effects those scandals do. But, if you want to get into it, yeah, you can totally say there's going to be an amount [of influence because] there's going to be about a million people swayed by [those scandals]... So yeah, I say there will some effect to it."

—Sheila Robles, senior, English education major



"I definitely feel like this scandal is definitely going to have an effect because a lot of the information the people are getting is from the media. So, whatever the media is propagandizing, that's what's going to be a deciding factor on the voters – especially with voters who have all their education come from the media. They have a lot of working class and people who aren't going to school and don't participate in reading newspapers. Now, they get all their information from certain local channels. That's the opinion they are aligned with."

—Christian Chester, sophomore, math education major

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-cially with so many students thinking about the elections happening locally and nationally," she said.

The sessions, which kicked off Nov. 1, are being used to get CSULB students interested in student government while giving them a chance to learn about the election process. Topics covered in the sessions include types of positions available within the different branches of ASI and how to file for candidacy.

"It gives them a chance to find out what we do and how we do it," Estupinian said. "They're usually surprised by the depth of ASI's work."

Although elections are held during the spring semester, the fall semester is being used as a time for potential candidates to start thinking about campaigning and running for positions within ASI, Estupinian said. Currently, the sessions are informal, with more detail-oriented ones being planned for the start of the spring 2017 semester.

"Spring is usually when we have more interest in these events," Estupinian said. "We see a bigger turnout when people realize that ASI elections are just around the corner."

The spring election planning events see an average of 30 students participating, Estupinian said, with many attending the afternoon sessions after getting out of class.

The final three information events for the fall semester are planned for Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. in USU 304, Nov. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in USU 305 and Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. in USU 303.



Jerry Vu, left, was an avid dancer and recently joined The G.O.O.D Project. The Irvine-based dance team stands for "growth out of dance" and focuses on happiness, humility and hard work.

Photo courtesy of Facebook

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-count was set up by Vu's brother Thomas. Money from the drive will be used as a fund to help support artists and performers within the dance community.

As of Monday night, GoFundMe donors had raised $11,090; the original goal was $3,000.

Following the announcement of Vu's body being found, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley sent a mass email to students, faculty and staff offering her condolences.

"This is a tragic event. It may cause distress among some members of the Beach community," Conoley said in the email. "To assist, the university has a number of resources available for those who may want to speak with someone."

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Clinton and Trump in final blitz of campaign

By Mark Z. Barabak
Los Angeles Times



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The Hillary Clinton campaign holds a rally on Monday, Nov. 7, featuring Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, daughter Chelsea and President Barack Obama at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa.

The most brutal and bizarre presidential campaign in modern memory careened to a close Monday with its two main protagonists, Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, exhorting their supporters to help make history.

Eight years after the country elected its first black president, Clinton was bidding to shatter what she has called the "highest and hardest" glass ceiling by becoming the nation's first woman president.

A victory, she said, would help bind the wounds opened by the scathing rhetoric and partisan animosities that have cut deeply throughout the contest.

"Tomorrow we face the test of our time," she told thousands of supporters on a sun-splashed autumn day in Pittsburgh. "Will we be coming together as a nation or splitting further apart? Will we set goals that all of us can help meet or will we turn on each other and pit one group of Americans against each other?"

Trump, who has defied expectations throughout his unconventional campaign, sought a victory that would rank among the greatest political upsets of all time.

As an outsider, he vowed to topple the governing establishment that has embittered so many Americans and turned them in fury against Washington and its leaders.

"It's time to reject the political and media elite that's bled our country dry," Trump told several thousand backers at a rally on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

The election "will decide whether we are ruled by a corrupt political class," Trump said. "I'm not a politician. My only special interest is you."

The election, coming after eight years of President Barack Obama in the White House, represents a turning point for the country. Voters will not only choose a new president but also decide control of Congress and, with it, the tone and attitude facing the next administration.

A gain of four seats would flip control of the Senate from Republican to Democrat, if Clinton wins and her running mate, Tim Kaine, breaks a tie vote. The outcome appeared to hinge on fewer than a dozen races, including close contests in Pennsylvania, Missouri, North Carolina and New Hampshire.

Democrats needed a gain of 30 seats to take control of the House, which seemed a distant prospect given district lines that favor sitting lawmakers.

Eager to protect his legacy, Obama devoted a final day to the campaign trail, traveling to Michigan and New Hampshire to rally college students before joining Clinton along with first lady Michelle Obama and former President Bill Clinton at an election-eve rally in Philadelphia.

Speaking in Ann Arbor, Mich., before a sea of students at the University of Michigan, Obama urged young people to ignore the "dust cloud of nonsense" and misinformation proliferating on social media.

"I want you to tune out all the noise, and I want you just to focus," he said, speaking like a parent to a child. "I am asking you to trust me on this one. … I voted for Hillary Clinton, because I am absolutely confident that when she is president, this country will be in good hands."

The choice for president is one that would have seemed improbable not terribly long ago.

Clinton — a former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state during Obama's first term — was always a prohibitive favorite to win the Democratic nomination, though rival Bernie Sanders, the independent senator from Vermont, proved a far tougher primary opponent than expected.

By contrast, few took the Manhattan businessman and reality TV star seriously when he launched what seemed a vanity campaign after years of talking up a White House bid. He powered through a field of 16 rivals, virtually all of them more politically experienced than he was, shattering many of the norms of presidential campaigning along the way.

He turned a series of debates into political burlesque. He insulted whole groups of the electorate — women, Latinos, prisoners of war — but managed to win the GOP nomination handily.

As the party's standard-bearer, he proved no more restrained. He waged Twitter wars against his adversaries and admitted going nearly 20 years without paying federal income taxes.

He called for Clinton's imprisonment if she is defeated and openly feuded with leaders of his own party, among them House Speaker Paul D. Ryan.

Throughout, supporters delighted at what they considered a willingness to say what other more timorous and calculated politicians refused.

Trump staked a number of controversial positions, some of which he reiterated Monday: abrogating trade deals and defense pacts with U.S. allies, halting immigration from Muslim countries and, most famous, building a wall along the border with Mexico and forcing the Mexican government to pay for it.

His campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again," struck both a hopeful and pugnacious tone.

"We're going to bring back the jobs that have been stolen from you," he told cheering supporters in Raleigh, N.C. "We're going to bring back the miners and the factory workers and the steelworkers. We're going to put them back to work."

But polls have consistently shown Trump with a cap of support well below 50 percent, and surveys suggest steep odds cobbling together the 270 electoral vote majority needed to win the White House.

Even so, Trump promised yet one more surprise.

"Tomorrow's going to be a very historic day. … I think it's going to be Brexit plus plus plus," he said, referring to Britain's summer vote to leave the European Union, which stunned many prognosticators. "It'll be amazing."

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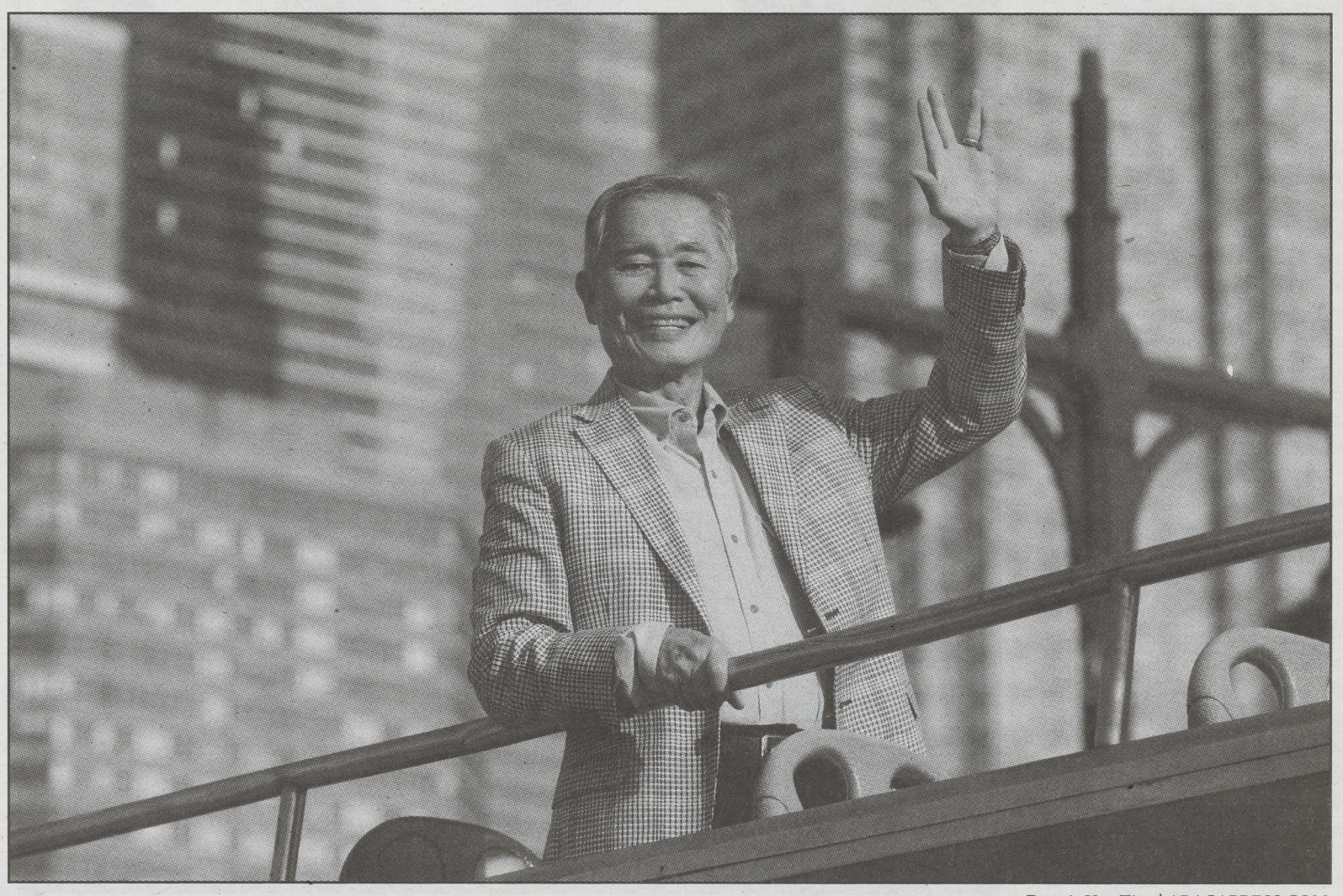
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Takei takes Long Beach

Television icon and social activist George Takei comes to CSULB.

By Jason Enns
Arts & Life Editor



Dennis Van Tine | ABACAPRESS.COM

George Takei attends Ride Of Fame Induction ceremony at Pier 78 on December 10, 2015 in New York City.

He has lived long and prospered, and now George Takei is coming to Cal State Long Beach on Nov. 12 to share moments of his life with audience members at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center.

The famous sci-fi icon and social activist will come to CSULB as part of the CPAC's "Wit and Wisdom" series starting at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Takei's rise to stardom began in the late 1950's, and in 1965 he was cast as the Enterprise's Lieutenant commander Sulu in the original "Star Trek" television series, which has made him the symbol he is today.

He stayed on the show until 1969 and continued portraying the character through six "Star Trek" films and the animated series.

As an openly-gay man, he has been an advocate for the LGBT community and the right to have same-sex marriages.

On May 16, 2008, Takei wrote on his blog: "Our California dream is reality. Brad Altman and I can now marry. We are overjoyed! At long last, the barrier to full marriage rights for same-sex couples has been torn down. We are equal with all citizens of our state!"

Takei and his now-husband Brad Takei were married at Democracy Forum of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles on Sept. 14, 2008.

He used his acting success not only propel his life as an activist, but also as a social media luminary known for his wit and humor.

He has 1.8 million followers on Twitter, and nearly 10 million likes on Facebook. In 2015, Cosmopolitan Magazine named Takei "One of the Internet's 50 Most Fascinating People."

Takei has fought battles for equality as an actor, but went through hardships from a much earlier age. He spent most of his childhood with his family in Japanese internment camps during World War II.

Takei serves as chair of the council of governors of East West Players, the nation's foremost Asian Pacific American theater. He is also a member of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization.

He is Chairman Emeritus of the Japanese American National Museum's Board of Trustees; a member of the U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation Board of Directors; and served on the Board of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission under President Bill Clinton.

Takei speaks to empower others to beat the odds and make a difference. Tickets to hear him speak at the CPAC cost $60 and are available at carpenterarts.org.

The CPAC is located on 6200 E. Atherton St. between Palo Verde Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard.

Other viewing options for election night

By Verne Gay
Newsday

What's on television this Election Day?

That's a small joke, friends _ along the lines of who's buried in Grant's tomb? (Grant, I think).

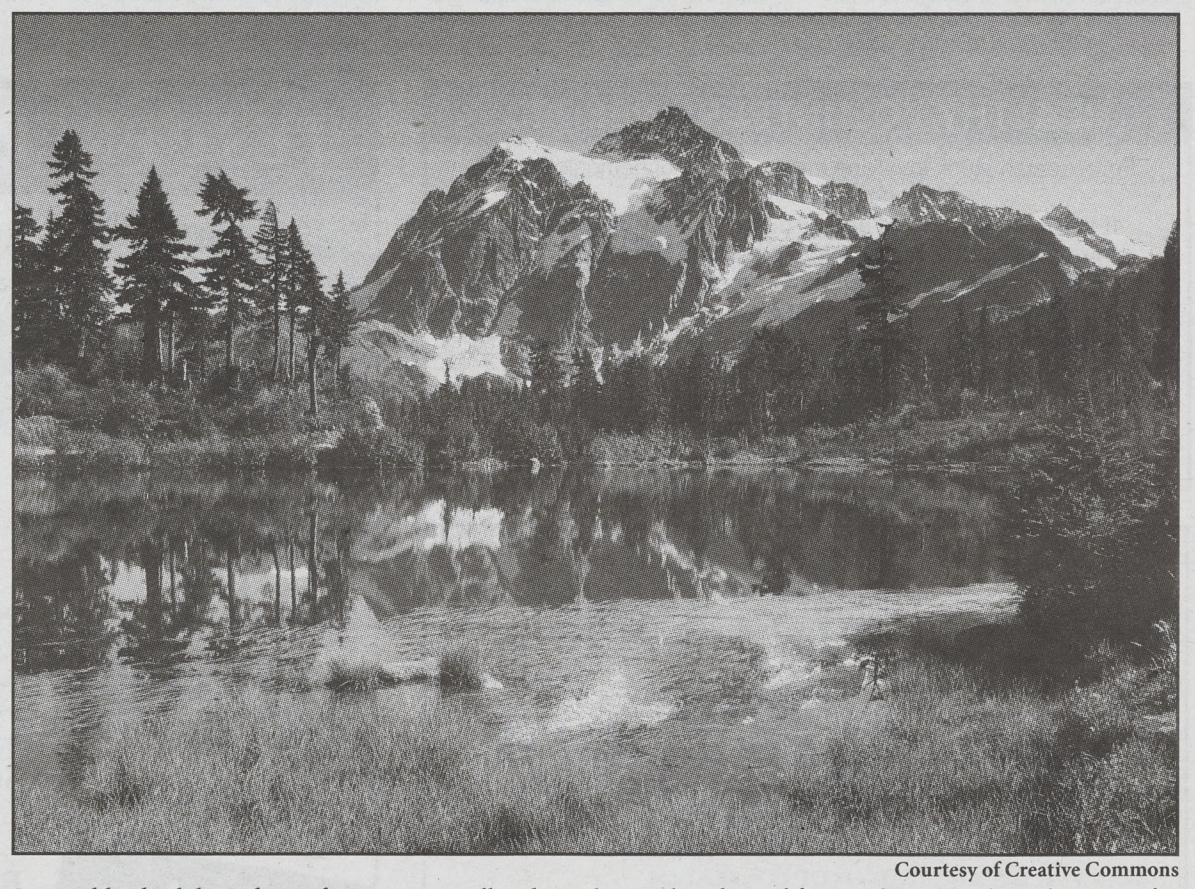
Election coverage is on TV on Election Day _ on the broadcast networks, PBS and cable news channels, of course. The party begins early, and there will be no escaping it.

Or will there be? In a spirit of diversity, or generosity, or gimmickry, or (much more likely) election coverage fatigue, there will be a little something more out there. Yes, you may have to surf a little harder than usual to find some of these unusual offerings. But do read this list for guidance first:

The Weather Channel: In a nine-hour marathon that promises to replace the Scotch or your numbing agent of choice, TWC is forsaking weather coverage for "the most beautiful, awe-inspiring, and calming weather video and scenery ever caught on tape." Reasons for soul-easing and mind-erasing are self-evident (or if they are not, check out all the other channels for that evidence.) The excitement and thrills start at 3 p.m., and for the actual weather conditions, you are advised to look out the window.

"The View": In this 9 p.m. primetime live special on Lifetime, "The View" promises an especially busy, packed, and long (2.5 hours) edition with panelists Joy Behar, Jedediah Bila, Candace Cameron Bure, Sara Haines and Sunny Hostin. The guest list is a long one, too _ Alicia Machado, Kathy Najimy, Vivica A. Fox, Mario Cantone, D.L. Hughley and Donald Trump impersonator Anthony Atamanuik (of Comedy Central's "@ midnight with Chris Hardwick," the best Trump impersonator out there.) And this part will be fun/odd: former host Raven-Symone, who said she will move to Canada if Trump

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Courtesy of Creative Commons

Images like this lake in front of a mountain will cycle on the weather channel for nine hours to relieve the stress of election day coverage.

Seasonal affective disorder prevention and treatment

By Mayo Clinic News Network

Dear Mayo Clinic: Is seasonal affective disorder considered depression? If so, should I be treated for it year-round even though it comes and goes?

A: Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a form of depression. Year-round treatment with medication for SAD may be recommended in some cases. But research has shown that, for many people with a history of SAD, treatment with a light box beginning in early fall can be useful in preventing SAD. Medication starting at that time may be helpful, too.

SAD is a type of depression that primarily affects people during the fall and winter months. The lower levels of sunlight in the winter and fall, particularly in locations farther from the equator, can disturb your internal clock. This disruption may lead to feelings of depression. The change in seasons also can influence your body's melatonin and serotonin — natural substances that play a role in sleep timing and mood. When combined, these factors may lead to SAD.

SAD is more than just feeling blue as the days get shorter or having the doldrums in January. Instead, it involves persistent, pervasive symptoms of depression during wintertime. Those symptoms may include feeling sad, angry or easily irritable most of the day nearly every day, lack of interest in activities you usually enjoy, difficulty concentrating, persistent tiredness, lack of energy and, in some cases, feeling that life isn't worth living or having suicidal thoughts.

People with SAD often feel the need to sleep considerably more than usual. SAD generally causes people to want to eat more, too, and they often gain weight. Carbohydrate cravings are common. SAD symptoms may get worse as winter progresses. By definition, the symptoms fade as daylight lengthens during springtime.

Effective treatments for SAD are available. Light box therapy is particularly useful. Light boxes mimic outdoor light by emitting a broad-spectrum ultraviolet light. The most common prescription is 30 minutes of light box use at the beginning of every morning, with the box 12 to 24 inches away. The intensity of the light box is recorded in lux, which is a measure of the amount of light you receive at a specific distance from a light source. The recommended intensity of the light typically is 10,000 lux.

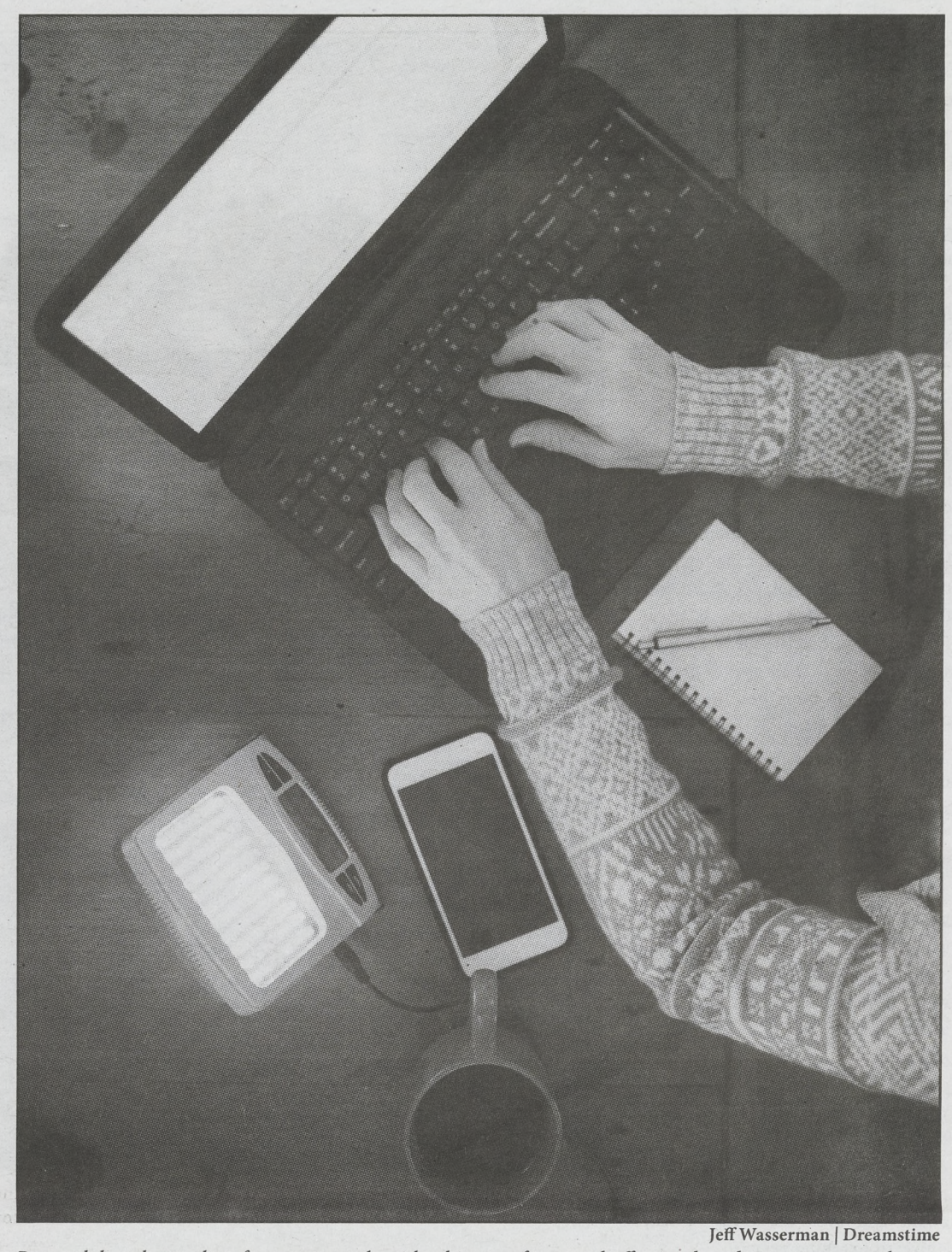
Many people use light boxes while getting ready for the day, reading the paper or having breakfast. Again, starting light box therapy in early autumn may help prevent SAD from developing during the winter months.

Medication also may be part of treatment for SAD. The antidepressant medication bupropion has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of SAD. Other antidepressant medications may be effective, as well. These medications can be helpful for people who have a pattern of SAD and know that they are predisposed to developing it. If you've had SAD in the past, starting to take medication in early fall before the days get significantly shorter may prevent SAD symptoms or, if symptoms do appear, it can reduce their length and severity.

There are some self-care steps you can take all year long that may help reduce your risk of SAD, too. They include exercising regularly, maintaining healthy sleep habits and a predictable sleep/wake cycle, eating a healthy diet and limiting the amount of sugary foods you eat.

In addition, going outside on sunny days can make a difference. In the winter, when snow is on the ground, clear days can be brilliantly bright. Exposure to that natural sunlight can help ease SAD. Psychotherapy recently has been found to be effective for SAD, as well. The treatment that has shown the most success for prevention and treatment is cognitive behavioral therapy for SAD, or CBT-SAD.

If you've been diagnosed with SAD in the past or you suspect you have it, talk to your doctor about prevention and treatment options. Even if SAD can't always be prevented, there are treatments available that can help you successfully manage your symptoms and make the winter months easier to take.



Jeff Wasserman | Dreamstime

Research has shown that, for many people with a history of seasonal affective disorder, treatment with a light box beginning in early fall can be useful in preventing SAD.

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wins, will be assisted in her Canadian house search by "Tiny House Nation."

C-SPAN: Typically your wallpaper choice on Election Night _ no frills, no talking heads, no color, no manufactured drama _ C-SPAN is finally letting its hair down Tuesday. The network will take viewer calls Tuesday and comments from social media will be posted too.

Viceland: If you've never checked out V-land's late night, um, hosts, Desus and Mero, now's your chance. In a live 11 p.m. "Desus & Mero" special, these guys _ loose, profane, unbound by conventional rules of fairness and accuracy _ will rip a hip-hop overview of Tuesday's election action. (Desus Nice and the Kid Mero, of the "Bodega Boys" podcast, joined the network in October).

"The Daily Show with Trevor Noah": A live "Democalypse 2016" Election Night special at 11, but what's unique here is that the Comedy Central show will also be simulcast on MTV, VH1, Spike, TV Land and MTV2.

"Stephen Colbert's Live Election Night Democracy's Series Finale: Who's Going To Clean Up This ?": Because "Late Show" will be scrubbed Tuesday _ along with much of the rest of the broadcast networks' late-night schedule _ CBS came up with a novel alternative: For one night only, hand it off to corporate sibling Showtime. As the title indicates, this will indeed be live (at 11 p.m.), and as it also indicates, it will be uncensored. In a much recycled quip, Colbert has said, "It'll be all the political comedy you love from my CBS show, with all the swearing and nudity you love from Showtime." So let that be both your promise and warning.

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cio-economic background. The program recently celebrated it's 50th anniversary.

The significance of this program is that it helps marginalized students succeed — college campuses nationwide should be diverse when it comes to student population.

Therefore, these academic programs aid in paving the way for minorities to enter and graduate from college.

I believe the diversification of college campuses is vital for the integration of marginalized people in job fields which include larger salaries. Programs like EOP help low-income students achieve their goal of graduation and help them become an intrinsic part of society.

According to a Pew research study titled, "Racial, gender wage gaps persist in U.S. despite some progress," "Large racial and gender wage gaps in the U.S. remain, even as they have narrowed in some cases over the years." It's time see this racial wage gap close — minorities graduating from a university is a step in the right direction. Programs like EOP assist students in completing their education.

The program granted me $600, which may seem like a small amount to some; however, the grant undoubtedly covered the cost of must-have university essentials like my books and even the rather pricey university parking permit.

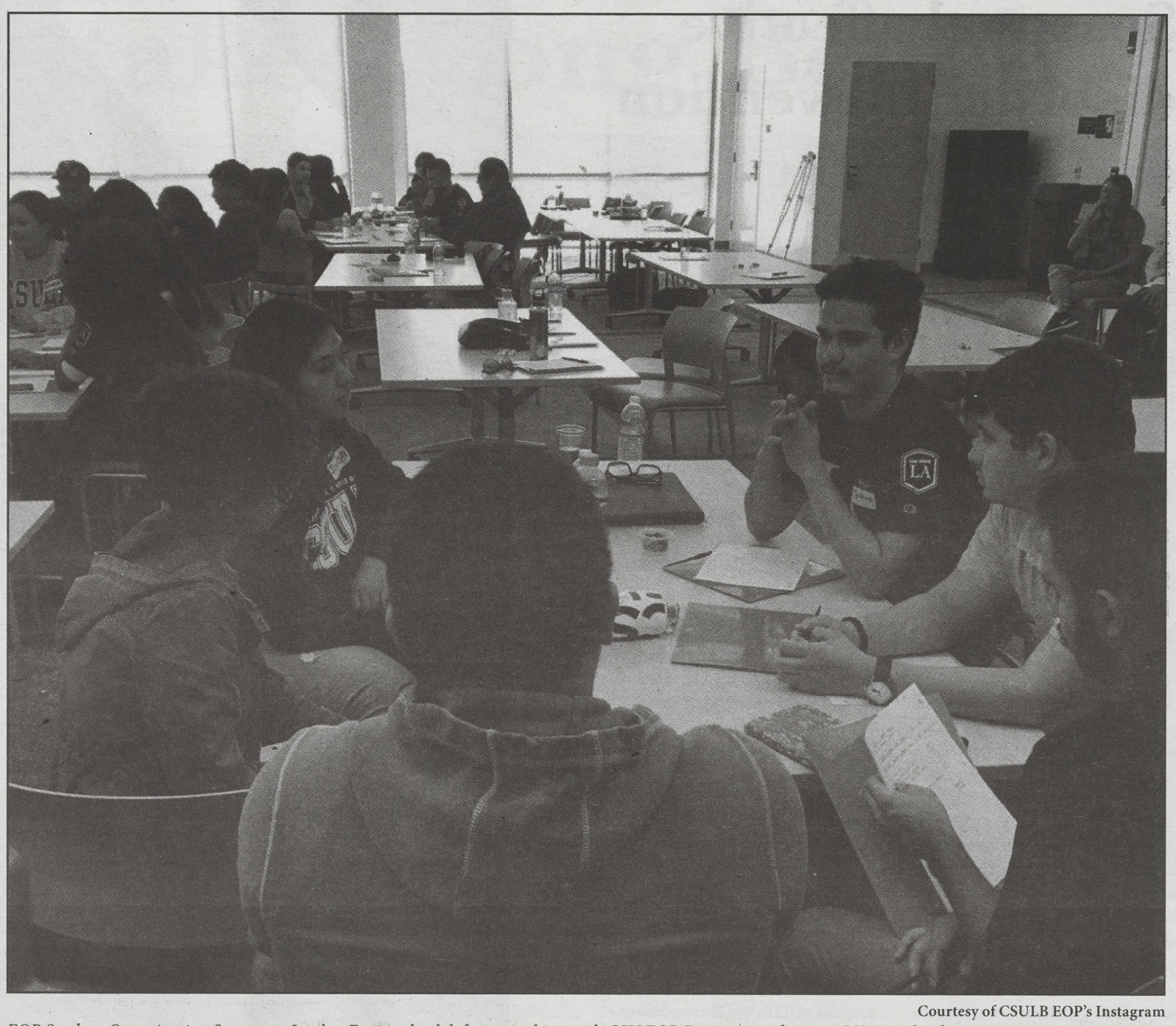
Being a full-time student doesn't give me an opportunity to work as much as I'd like to.

What I do earn at my part-time job, I give to my mother – who I feel has sacrificed plenty in order for me to receive a quality college education.

My mother — a Latina woman who is also a single parent — works long shifts on a daily basis to help place food on the table, pay house bills and even pays for some of my costly car payments.

She does all this so that I'm able to successfully make it through my academic career.

With that said, my mom can't cover every cost that comes her or my way, which is where EOP ha helped me out me significantly.



Courtesy of CSULB EOP's Instagram

EOP Student Organization Secretary, Jocelyn Espitia, back left, networking with CSU EOP Region 2 students at CSU Northridge on Nov. 5.

The program was started by a former psychology major, Joseph L. White, who was celebrated at a keynote address held inside Walter Pyramid on Friday.

> "The significance of this program is that it helps marginalized students succeed — college campuses nationwide should be diverse when it comes to student population."

The EOP founder was quoted with saying he "had no idea that it would grow both vertically and horizontally, over 50 years," as reported by writer Josh Dulaney for the Press Telegram.

This program deserves to be celebrated for it has historically aided low-income and first-generation students since it was first introduced.

As a first generation student of color who is a current EOP member, I believe the program does a solid job of providing crucial academic guidance and financial assistance.

As a minority, programs like these are vital to the success of marginalized students on campus.

At my community college, for example, I wasn't provided with tutoring centers or computer labs the way I am through this program. To say the least, these labs really help get homework done.

Often, many minorities are too afraid to ask for help on campus, I know I was. In cases like these, EOP takes pride in guiding these timid students toward graduation.

EOP helps students excel in their university endeavors both academically and economically.

The program helps keep the campus diversified; moreover, it helps keep marginalized students motivated and in school. I believe that's something substantial to be celebrated after 50 years.

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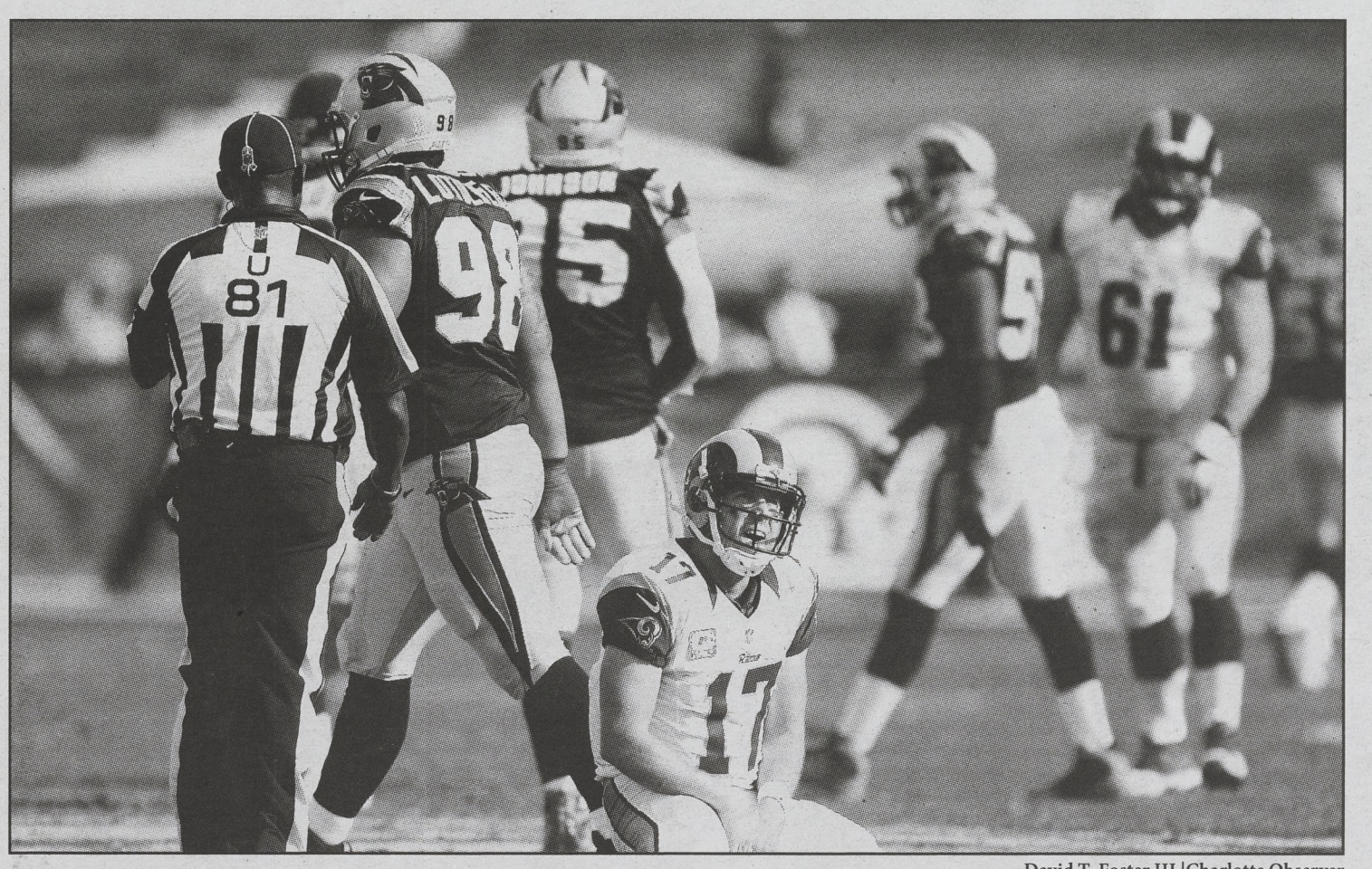
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Los Angeles Rams quarterback Case Keenum (17) looks up at the end of a play after an incomplete pass against the Carolina Panthers in the first half on Sunday, Nov. 6 at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. The Panthers won, 13-10.

NFL

TV ratings down because it's no fun

By Jason Lloyd
Akron Beacon Journal

While NFL ratings continue to slide, NBA and Major League Baseball are enjoying the type of viewership they haven't seen in 15-20 years.

It's too early to tell yet whether the trends are connected, but what's clear at this point is fans seem to be turning away from the NFL. LeBron James said he believes it might be due to the stringent rules that have taken some of the fun away from the game.

"I don't know the reason. I've heard some of the comments from some of the players, as far as the game, the fun part of it is kind of being taken away," James said. "And I know when I played football, I played it for that reason _ for the competition and for the fun of it. And if the main guys are saying, I've seen a couple of the main guys talk about how the game is not as fun. It's all political, things of that nature, at this point."

Twenty-five of the 26 primetime NFL telecasts have posted lower numbers than ratings from last year, according to Sports Media Watch. The decline in viewership comes at a time when Commissioner Roger Goodell's approval rating continues to sag with players, when the league is littered with domestic dispute cases, when quarterback Cam Newton acknowledged recently he doesn't feel safe on the field and when the league has been the focal point of a number of protests over social issues.

James, however, is focused on rules that have taken the fun out of the game for players and fans alike.

"You definitely don't want to take the fun away from the game," he said. "That's why we all fell in love with sports in general is because you have fun with it at the beginning. But I'm not the commish, I'm not on the board. Football is such a great sport, but I don't have the answer for why fewer people are watching."

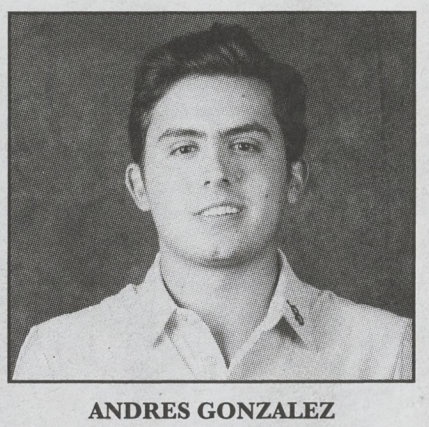
James and the Cavaliers' Game 7 championship victory against the Golden State Warriors was watched by 30.8 million viewers, making it the most-watched Finals game since 35.9 million tuned in to watch Michael Jordan win his last championship in 1998. Similarly, 40 million people tuned in to watch the Chicago Cubs beat the Indians in Game 7 of the World Series, producing the highest ratings for a baseball game in 25 years.

Of course, ratings for the championship games in both the NBA and MLB combined still can't touch the Super Bowl, which drew 111.9 million viewers in February. James attended three of the four World Series games in Cleveland, but isn't ready to say that baseball and basketball are closing the gap on football, which has been king in sports for at least a decade.

"I've known baseball for years, they needed a push. I think with the World Series and playoffs in general it definitely helped," said James, named on Monday the Eastern Conference Player of the Week for the second time in as many weeks this season. "Being a part of three of the World Series games, the Cubs and the Indians, I think that history of them not being part of the World Series and not winning it definitely helped, and also being two Midwestern sports teams as well helped as well.

"And then the games in general, when you go out and compete and you're watching these two clubs go at it, that definitely helps the ratings. People want to see what happens next, what's the storyline going to be tonight? That helped.

"And also with our sport, our sport has done some great things the last couple of years as far as playoffs and especially in the Finals. We're just trying to continue to build our game as well. I don't want to talk about a shift and things of that nature ... but I know what happens in our sport and I can have a sense of what happened with baseball this past season."



ANDRES GONZALEZ

MEN'S GOLF

Gonzalez paces LBSU with 10th place finish

By Matthew Simon
Sports Editor

Sophomore Andres Gonzalez was the latest Long Beach State golfer to lead the 49ers at a tournament, finishing tied for 10th at the the Ka'anapali Collegiate Classic in Oahu on Sunday.

Gonzalez, who shot a 66 in the final round, jumped eight spots after starting the round tied for 18th on Saturday and a total of 10 spots since the first round.

While Gonzalez was making his move to 10th place, the LBSU team improved its second round score by 31 shots to finish with a 310, compared to Friday's 341 score.

Overall, the 49ers finished the 24-team tournament in 16th place.

After Gonzalez took 10th place, freshman Patrick Pockels tied for 78th place after scoring 8-over par with a total score of 221.

Third for LBSU was sophomore Joe Fryer, who shot a 76 in the final round, tied for 88th place with a 10-over par score of 223.

Senior Agostino Milazzo rounded out the LBSU competitors with a 78 in the final round to end his tournament play tied for 119th overall.

No. 24 Clemson took the team title with an impressive 26-under par to beat No. 15 Georgia by a mere one stroke and two strokes over No. 13 Louisiana State University in third.

Doc Redman of Clemson took the individual medal after 15-under score of 198.

The 49ers will be back on the green Feb. 20 when they compete in the Folino Invitational at Industry Hills Golf Club, hosted by Cal State Fullerton.

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Christian Gonzales | Daily 49er

Long Beach State women's soccer team lines up before taking on Cal Poly. The 49ers will face Santa Clara Saturday at 1 p.m. for the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

We meet again

Long Beach State faces Santa Clara, a familiar foe in first round of NCAA Tournament.

By Christian Gonzales
Assistant Sports Editor

The anxiety of finding out who it would face in the first round of the NCAA Tournament quickly subsided a couple of minutes into Monday's NCAA Selection Show, as the Long Beach State women's soccer team found out they will travel to Santa Clara.

"It's a good thing for us – we are very familiar after playing there last year," head coach Mauricio Ingrassia said. "There isn't going to be an issue with any unknowns."

The 49ers (10-6-5) make their sixth trip to the NCAA tournament in the program's history and have played the Broncos (9-6-4) in three out of the last five appearances.

This marks the second straight season that both teams meet in the first round, last year the Broncos defeated the 49ers 1-0 at Stevens Stadium. The Broncos also beat LBSU in the first round in 2011 and 2013.

Along with having their season end at the hands of Santa Clara, the 49ers are also winless against the Broncos in regular season play and are making the their 26th appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

History between LBSU and Santa Clara goes extends past the recent rivalry, as Ingrassia has known Santa Clara assistant coach Curtis McAlister since they were soccer teammates at San Diego State University from 1989 to 1991.

"I have a lot of respect for the entire staff," Ingrassia said. "We are good friends and I'm looking forward to duk[ing] it out with them."

Other teams that are in LBSU's bracket are No.1 overall seed Stanford, as well as Minnesota and Pepperdine.

With five seniors on the roster, Ingrassia feels that his players have developed and grown over the tough schedule and opponents played thus far.

"They understand that they have gone through many games," Ingrassia said. "They have matured as people, they understand the responsibilities."

Ingrassia praised the seniors for stepping up for this season shaping the way the team plays.

LBSU junior forward Ashley Gonzales and Santa Clara senior midfielder Jordan Jesolva will look to help their teams get on the board and start off the tournament on the right foot.

FAST FACTS

SANTA CLARA VS LONG BEACH STATE

3 — Number of times Santa Clara has beat LBSU in a row

11 — Total goals junior Ashley Gonzales has scored this season.

0 — Goals scored against LBSU in 180 minutes of play in the Big West Tournament.

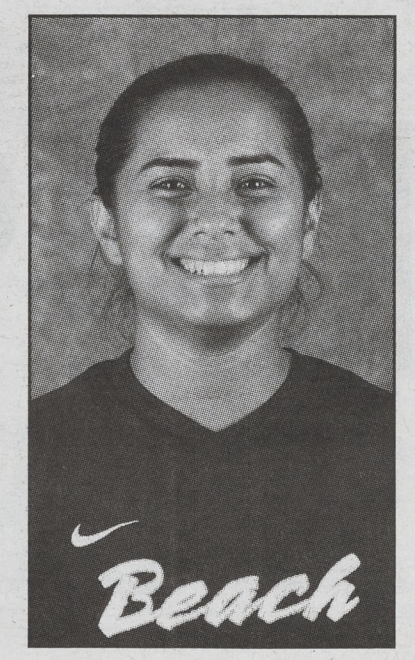
1 — The difference in goals each time the 49ers have lost to Santa Clara.

2 — Number of years in a row the Long Beach State has made the NCAA Tournament.

Key players



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